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Applicants recommend that the Examiner conduct an independent search for any and all available material prior art and independently review the results of such search and the documents cited within this Statement.

Applicants request the Examiner, in accordance with 37 C.F.R. 1.97, to indicate and make of record receipt and review of all of these documents by initialing the appropriate box in the accompanying PTO-1449. Applicants request that the undersigned receive a copy of the initialed PTO-1449.

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Applicants respectfully request that the Examiner notify the undersigned, in writing, as to the basis of such opinion.

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The undersigned may be reached at: 920-721-3016.

Respectfully submitted,

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